

The following year, 1914, he accepted the post of Principal of the Grammar School at Fredericton Junction at the early age of eighteen, with results most satisfactory to the School Trustees. The same year he was chosen Chairman of the New Brunswick Teachers' Convention, and held this position for two years. In the fall of 1915, on the strength of his Grammar School Certificate, he was admitted to the Junior Year of Acadia University at Wolfville, Nova Scotia. His success in a difficult course was immediate, and at once excited the favorable comment of the professors of the University. For two years his career was a succession of honors. The greater part of his work lay in the field of Literature and the study of both ancient and modern languages, and he proved himself to be a student of remarkable powers, and an essayist of much promise. There also he took steps to develop another of his many accomplishments. One of the most prominent of his characteristics was his love and natural talent for music. He possessed an unusually fine tenor voice, which under cultivation became a great source of delight to his friends, and this gift was always at their service.

As he was finishing his course in the spring of 1916, it was decided to recruit a Highland Brigade in Nova Scotia, and in the short space of two weeks this was accomplished. Acadia University offered a Company, and Dr. G. B. Cutten, the President, was given command. Frederick Manning, who had been prominent in the military activities of the University and Captain of the Officers' Training Corps, was the first to enlist. Forty of the students volunteered. Those who were in their last year were given their degrees, and appeared at Commencement in khaki. Frederick Manning was Valedictorian of the Class, and his farewell address was a feature of the impressive ceremony. The Class Ode written for this occasion speaks for itself.

This Company was incorporated in the 219th Battalion, the Junior Battalion of the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, which consisted of the 85th, 185th, 193rd and 219th. Frederick